

GOD'S MARVELLOUS WORK OF SALVATION

The grace of God displayed in the salvation of his chosen multitude from the just penalty of their sins is his greatest glory (Ex33:18,19). And his glory he will not share with another (Isa42:8), certainly not with sinful man. Salvation begun before time in electing love, even creation of the universe (*created by Christ and for him Col1:16*) in which salvation would be accomplished in time by God in Christ when he poured out his life-blood to answer the demands of divine justice, salvation applied in each chosen sinner by the quickening power of God's Spirit, confirmed and sealed by the application of his preached word until each saved sinner is taken home to glory, **all of this is the work of God alone.** *Romans9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.* Any religion that declares God to have done enough to save any sinner who will allow God to save him/her is false. If you and the things you love are in such religion, flee from it whatever the cost (2Cor6:17). AJ

SIN IS NOT IN THINGS

A man asked me recently if we used the King James Version of the Bible, and I replied, "Yes." He then asked me if I ate at restaurants that served alcohol. Again, I replied, "Yes." He threw up his hand in disgust and said, "I want nothing to do with alcohol," and sped off. My first thought was, "*the wicked flee when no man pursueth.*"

Sin is not in bottles; it is not in drugs. In short, sin is not in things. Sin is a nature that is in every one of us; we are sin. When Adam fell all his posterity fell in him; now when his children are born they are born with a sinful nature and, because of this sinful nature, men misunderstand the nature of sin. Men

believe if they do not do certain things or drink certain drinks they have not sinned... or at least not enough to be condemned.

Not until a man is born of God does he see that sin is a nature and not things that he may or may not do. Paul cried, "*O wretched man that I am...*" not because of where he ate lunch but because of what he was by nature. A man can be locked up in a room by himself and it would still be one of the most sinful places on earth because of his presence; we are the sin problem, not things. Therefore we need one who can save us from our sinful selves, one who can make us righteous before God, and that One is Jesus Christ. I am not interested in being saved from things, but from my sinful self (Matthew 15:10-11). John Chapman

THE SHAME OF SIN

"Whose glory is in their shame" . . . "It is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Phil.3:19, Eph.5:12)

The people of this world sin without shame and even glory in their sins. God forbid that the people of God should ever think of sin without shame. Let not the preacher or people preach about it, talk about it, or admit it . . . without shame. May we hang our heads in sorrow and shame. It was sin, every sin, that put our Lord on the cross. Sin is no light nor laughing matter . . . it is shaming. Sin is not a little nor trifling thing . . . it is damning. Let us not laugh about it nor toy with it, but pray to be kept from it, eschew it, repent of it, and be ashamed of it. Here is the heart's cry and attitude of every true child of God: "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my SIN.*" – Psalm 51:2

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Philippians 1:6

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Reading Zechariah 4:6-10

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W Gadsby

1 Thrice happy are the men,
Who know the joyful sound;
They glory in the Lamb;
Their hopes upon him found;
They see how justice, truth, and grace,
Agree and shine in Jesus' face.

2 A joyful sound indeed,
To sinners in distress,
Who have no works to plead
But what are vile and base;
Who feel their hearts a dreadful den
Of every murderous, hateful sin.

3 For such to hear and know
Salvation is of God,
That Jesus will bestow
The riches of his love
On sinners who have nought to bring,
Will make their very souls to sing.

4 He pardons all their sins,
And makes them white as wool,
And the sweet Spirit sends,
To fill their vessels full
Of faith, and love, and joy, and peace,
And seal them sons and heirs of grace.

Prayer

Reading Philippians 1:1-11

Prayer

339 tune 542

W Hammond

1 O my distrustful heart,
How small thy faith appears!
But greater, Lord, thou art,
Than all my doubts and fears.
Did Jesus once upon me shine?
Then Jesus is for ever mine.

2 Unchangeable his will;
Whatever be my frame,
His loving heart is still
Eternally the same.
My soul through many changes goes;
His love no variation knows.

3 Thou, Lord, wilt carry on,
And perfectly perform,
The work thou hast begun
In me, a sinful worm;
'Midst all my fear, and sin, and woe,
Thy Spirit will not let me go.

Sermon

224 tune 348

J Stevens

1 Grace is Jehovah's sovereign will,
In an eternal covenant sure;
Which for his seed he will fulfil,
Longer than sun and moon endure.

2 Grace is a firm but friendly hand,
Put forth by God to save his own;
And by that grace, through faith, we stand,
Adoring at our Father's throne.

4 Lord, help us on thy grace to stand,
And every trial firm endure;
Preservèd by thy sovereign hand,
And by thy oath and covenant sure.

5 Thy willingness to save thy seed,
Is as they stand in Christ their Head;
No act thy grace can supersede,
For thine must live, though they were dead.

6 Thanks, everlasting thanks be given
To God, to Christ, to matchless grace;
And to that Dove who seals for heaven
All who shall sing Jehovah's praise!